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1. U.S. Patent No. 6,610,063 for "SPINAL FIXATION SYSTEM," issued August 26, 2003 on Application No. 09/915,572, filed July 27, 2001. An assignment of the '572 application by the inventors, Kris G. Kumar, Balaji S. Ramamurti, Barclay R. Davis, and Thomas J. Runco, to SYNTHES (USA) was recorded on December 3, 2001 at Reel 12337, Frames 573-76.

2. Application No. 10/647,587, filed August 26, 2003 as a continuation of copending Application No. 09/915,572, filed July 27, 2001. The assignment of the '572 application is effective for the '587 application as a continuation.

The undersigned, on behalf of SYNTHES (USA), hereby disclaims the terminal portion of the term of any patent to be issued on the present application, Application No. 10/647,587, which would extend beyond July 27, 2021, the expiration date of the full statutory term* of U.S. Patent No. 6,610,063.

The undersigned, on behalf of SYNTHES (USA), agrees that any patent to be issued on the present Application No. 10/647,587 shall be enforceable only for and during such period as the legal title to such patent shall be the same as the legal title to said Patent No. 6,610,063, this agreement to run with any patent to be issued on Application No. 10/647,587 and to be binding upon the grantee of such patent and its successors and assigns.

The undersigned, on behalf of SYNTHES (USA), does not disclaim any terminal part of the term of any patent to be issued on the present Application No. 10/647,587 that would extend to July 27, 2021, the expiration date of the full statutory term* of U.S. Patent No. 6,610,063, in the event that U.S. Patent No. 6,610,063: (a) expires for failure to pay a maintenance fee, (b) is held unenforceable, (c) is found invalid, (d) is statutorily disclaimed in whole or terminally disclaimed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(a,b), (e) has all claims canceled by a reexamination certificate, or (f) is otherwise terminated prior to expiration of its statutory term, except for the separation of legal title stated above.

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The undersigned hereby states and certifies that:

1. He is an attorney of record in the above-identified patent application and is authorized to act on behalf of assignee in connection with said application; and
2. The relevant evidentiary documents have been reviewed and, to the best of the undersigned's and assignee's knowledge and belief, title to the above-identified application, Application No. 10/647,587, is in assignee.

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